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DEAR HAROLD,

THANKS FOR THE GEMBERLING REPORT. HOWEVER, I HAD IT AND WAS AWARE OF THE STATEMENT YOU MARKED.

I AM NOT WRITING ANYTHING I CANNOT PROVE. I TOOK SHANEYFELT EXH #30 TO A PHOTO LAB AND HAD THE MARK BLOWN UP. AS YOU KNOW THIS IS A PICTURE TAKEN JUST BEFORE THE CURB WAS CUT FROM THE STREET. THE BLOW-UP SHOWS A SMALL FURROW IN THE LOWER LEFT OF THE ENCIRCLED MARK WHICH IS MISSING FROM THE CURB IN THE ARCHIVES. THE GRAIN IN THE MARK IS ONLY SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT FROM THE SURROUNDING CONCRETE, BUT, OBVIOUSLY ROUGHER THAN IT NOW APPEARS IN THE ARCHIVES. THIS IS A PRELIMINARY OBSERVATION. I AM ENCLOSING A COPY OF THIS BLOW-UP. I PLAN TO GET MORE EXPERT BLOW-UPS OF;

1. DILLARDS PICTURES, GARY MACK HAS THE NEGATIVES.
2. SHANEYFELT EXH # 30'
3. THE CURB IN THE ARCHIVES.

I BELIEVE IT WILL MAKE AN INTERESTING COMPARISON.

DO YOU KNOW ON WHAT BASIS HOOVER STATED THAT A MUTILATED BULLET HIT THE CURB? WHAT PROOF?

DO YOU KNOW ON WHAT BASIS HOOVER STATED A FULL IMPACT WOULD HAVE CAUSED MORE DAMAGE? WHAT PROOF.

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE CURB WAS PATCHED BEFORE IT WAS CUT FROM THE STREET. I NEED TO PROVE THIS. I ALSO BELIEVE IT WAS PATCHED AGAIN IN THE LAB AND AND I BELIEVE I WILL BE ABLE TO PROVE IT.

I PLAN TO USE A LOCAL GROUP TO TRY AND DUPICATE THE BULLET HITTING A CURB. THIS WILL ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS I JUST ASKED YOU.

YOUR ALERTNESS IS APPRECIATED.

Jim